



Rural Development

Experiences in Practice

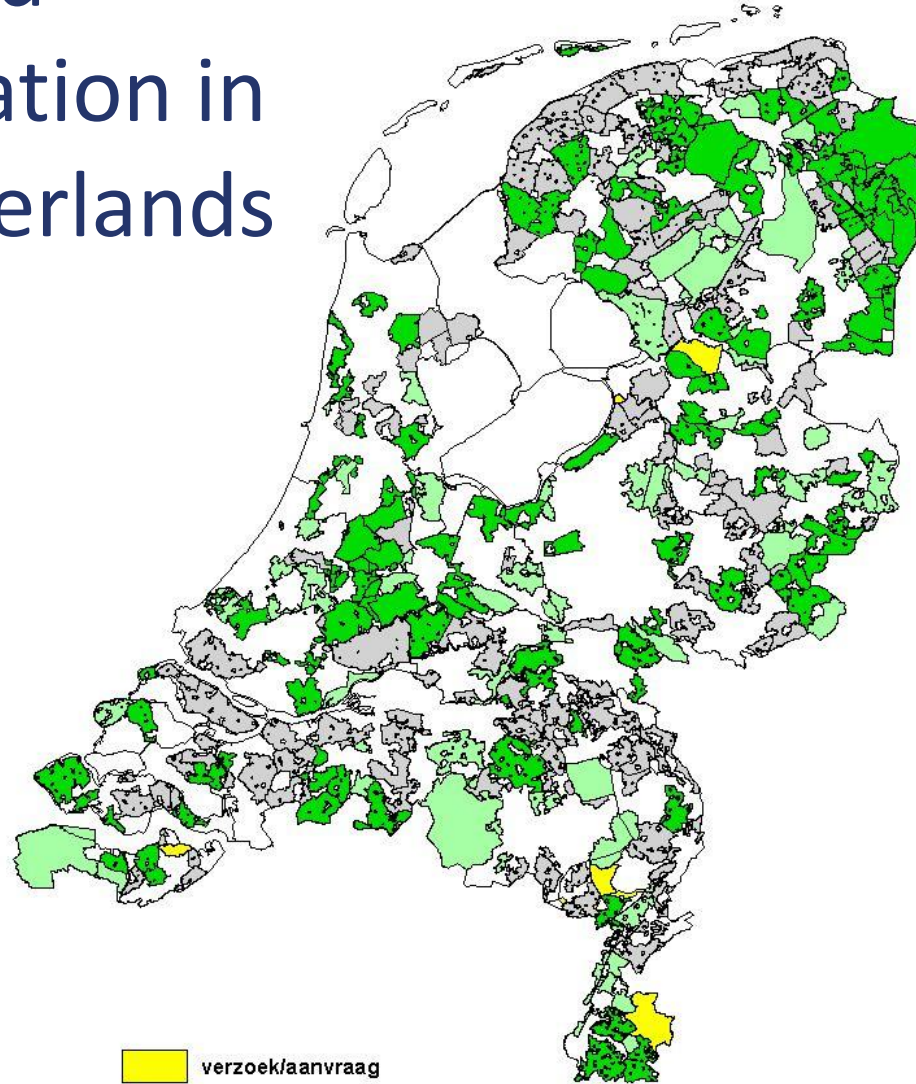
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Land Consolidation and Re Allotment

- In WW2 the food production capacity in The Netherlands was minimalized
- After the war the government decided to strive for more self-sufficiency in food production
- Very many projects of land consolidation were implemented
- Parcel sizes sometimes increased 3 or 4 times
- Water streams were straightened, roads asphalted
- Laws provided legal bases
- Land owners and users voted massively for the projects

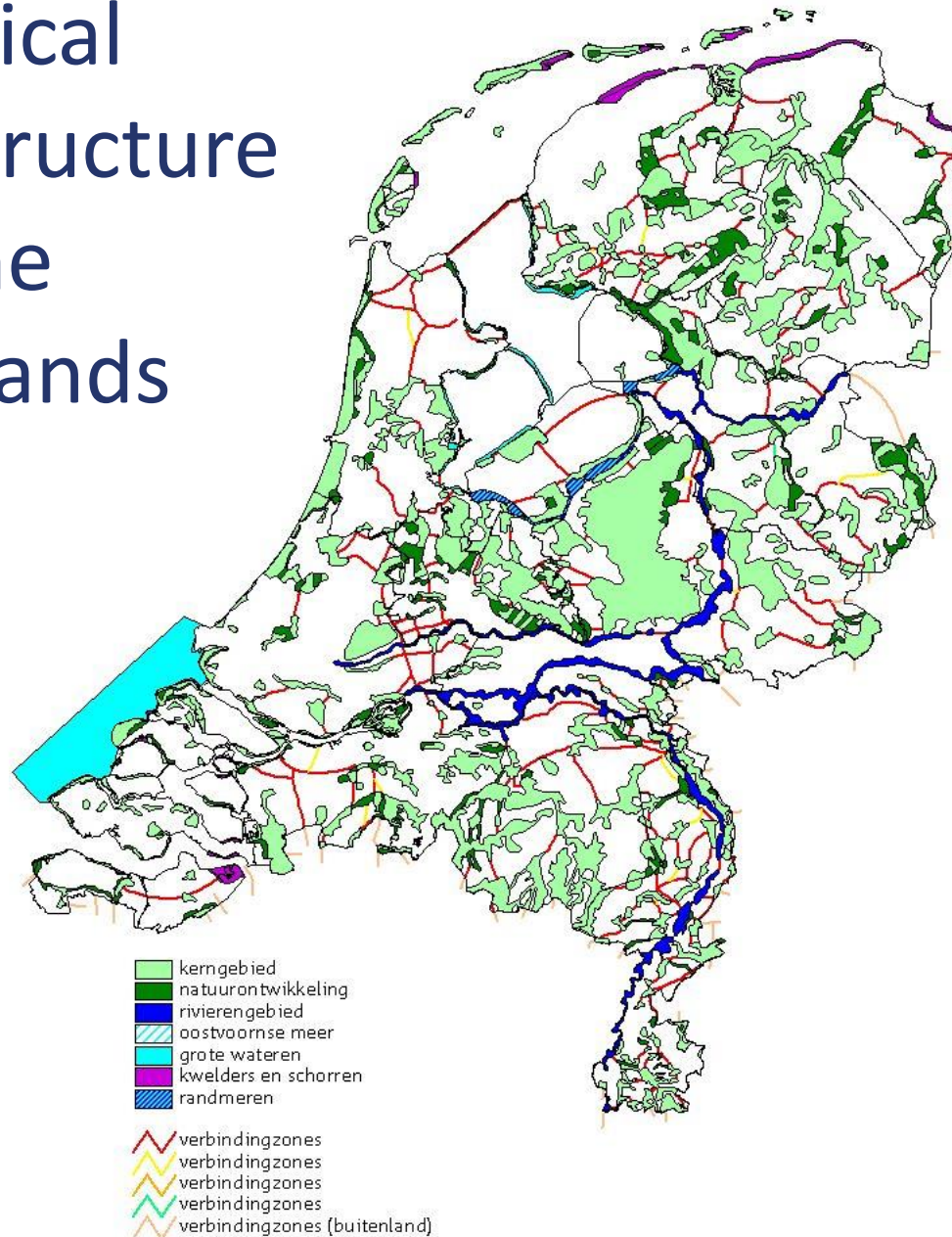
Land Consolidation in The Netherlands



Protest

- In the 70ies protests started: the projects had a too agricultural character
- Nature, landscape and environment had been neglected
- The Pan European Ecological Network was implemented
- The former projects were often repeated to fill in the demands of the ecological network
- Water Streams were made curvy again, land was bought for the ecological network, redesigned and arranged for the nature purposes and handed over to NGO's

Ecological network structure in The Netherlands



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- Land Consolidation worked well until now
- However there is public resistance against legal procedures like this
- The responsibility was decentralised to the provinces
- Regional Ministers hesitate to use instruments by force of the law
- They prefer a bottom up approach

New life for re allotment?

- The last few years a tool called “Re allotment for growth” was developed
- This works with a participatory approach
- Dutch Cadastre
- Results in 2 years
- Recently we organised a successful seminar to show this tool to interested neighbours in Kleve (D)
- Tri Partite Cooperation Germany- the Netherlands- Flanders

Towards revitalizing of regions

- Dutch based expertise
- Challenges in whole Europe
- Functions
- Re allotment
- New opportunities for te regions

Discussion

Land consolidation is a powerful tool for problematic regions

Stakeholder involvement is essential

Force of law should be avoided



Thank you!